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In re Application of:)
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Adam L. COHEN et al.) Group Art Unit: 3731
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Application No.: 10/658,261) Examiner: Unknown
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Filed: September 10, 2003)
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For: A FORCEPS AND COLLECTION)
ASSEMBLY WITH)
ACCOMPANYING MECHANISMS)
AND RELATED METHODS OF)
USE)

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A copy of the listed non-U.S. patent document is attached. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents do not need to be submitted. If the Examiner would like a copy of a particular reference, however, the Examiner is invited to please phone the undersigned at 202-408-4449.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making the appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

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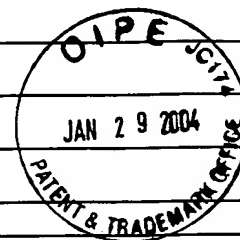
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